



1 Corinthians

Chapter 15:35-58




SAME BUT DIFFERENT



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- 1. Like Jesus' glorious body**
 - 2. Our 'heavenly dwelling'**
 - 3. Same ... but different**
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- ➡ **I Cor 15:49**: "And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven."
- ➡ **Philippians 3:20-21**: "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

**Our resurrection
body is our
'heavenly
dwelling'**

1 Cor 15:39:
"All flesh is not
the same."

Stained glass windows in the Episcopal Church of St Andrew in Coral Springs, Miami

**Different beings have different types of
bodies suited to their different environments**



2 Corinthians 5:1-5

- For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead **with our heavenly dwelling**, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead **with our heavenly dwelling**, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Our resurrection bodies will be the same ... but different

There will be continuity and discontinuity – same
'us', radically different body

1 Cor 15:38: “to each
kind of seed he gives
its own body.”

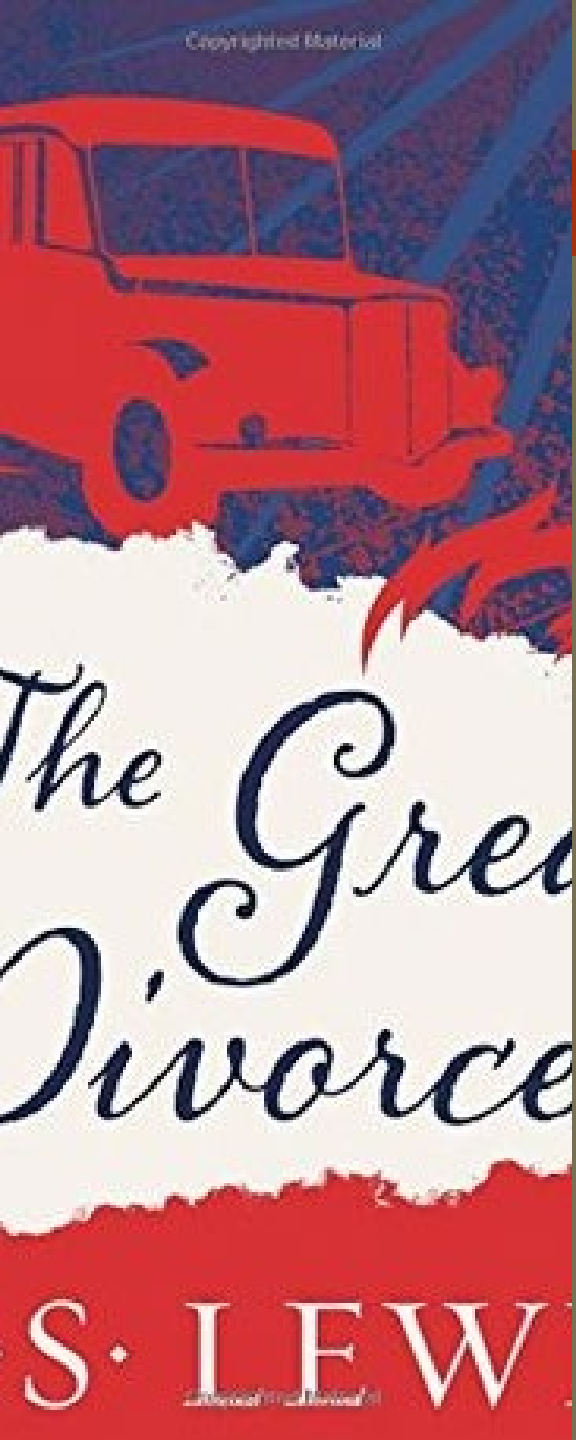


What does Paul mean by our resurrection bodies being 'spiritual'?



Supper at Emmaus by Caravaggio

- We will have a real, physical body suited to the new spiritual environment, the heavenly environment for which we are destined.



The Solid People in C S Lewis' *The Great Divorce*

- “The earth shook under their tread as their strong feet sank into the wet turf. A tiny haze and a sweet smell went up where they had crushed the grass and scattered the dew. Some were naked, some robed. But the naked ones did not seem less adorned, and the robes did not disguise in those who wore them the massive grandeur of muscle and the radiant smoothness of flesh. Some were bearded but no one in that company struck me as being of any particular age.”

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- **Owner of watch:** “My father says that it’s worth something as scrap!”
- **John Benjamin:** “The watch isn’t signed, but the movement is by the European Watch and Clock Company. They used to make movements for a company called Cartier.” (*Expressions of disbelief and delight!*)
- **John Benjamin (values it):** “£5,000 – it now needs to be restored and go back to Cartier so they can state categorically that it is their watch.”
- **Owner:** “You’re a treasure!”

➤ 3 years later

- **John Benjamin:** “The watch is exceedingly rare ... in my opinion it is certainly worth a little bit more than scrap value! When I saw it, I valued it without having too much to go on – I said £5,000 ... which is quite a lot of money. So what do we think it might be worth now?”
- **Owner:** “We’re hoping you’ll give us really good news!”
- **John Benjamin:** “Yes, I thought you might! Well, recognising the integrity and the beauty and the wearability ... £40-50,000!”
- **Owner (with delight):** “Well, it was worth getting fixed, definitely!”



Cartier watch restoration

➡ Same watch, but now different! Fully restored by its maker! So for our bodies, as we are fully restored by our *Maker* when we are resurrected – same ‘us’ but different!



Mahler's Resurrection Symphony, conducted by Claudio Abbado



You can watch this excerpt on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MPuoOj5TIw&t=4821> (at 1:20:21 - 1:22:38)

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